

## Missourian Wins Second Place In National Contest at N. Y.

Local College Paper Rates High in  
Events at Columbia University Meet

Judged on issues from Easter to Christmas of last year, The Northwest Missourian, weekly College newspaper, this week received the announcement that it had won second place in the national contest sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Columbia University, New York City. The paper amassed a total of 815 points out of a possible 1,000, and had it gained thirty-five additional points it would have been awarded first place.

The contest was held for college newspapers throughout the United States. The Missourian was entered in the teachers' College weekly division.

**Interested Staff**  
"Your paper shows an interested staff. Your articles are newsy and seem to cover the sources well. You need more local humor and features." These were the comments of the judges who awarded the paper bonus of fifty points for general considerations.

In the Columbia university contest, each paper was compared with the others in its own particular classification and was rated according to its relative standing with reference to the other class entries. Each paper must stand on its own merits," the contest officials stated.

**815 of 1,000 Points**

Earlier this spring in the same contest, The Missourian rated a high award" for typography—the highest award possible. This was awarded to twelve papers in the United States.

In the distribution of items on a mailing sheet received this week by The Missourian, the paper received 90 of a possible 235 points. (Continued on Page Four)

### Short Course Students Will Add to Spirit Classes Will Meet Twice Every Day

Much new zest and zeal will appear on the campus after the Spring Short Course registration next Monday, April 24, if added campus activity in past years following entrance of Short Course students is repeated this year.

Students enrolled in Short Course will meet twice daily in each of two classes while normally bear two and one-half semester hours of College credit. While the Short Course is designed particularly to serve Northwest Missouri Teachers whose schools close in April there are perhaps many others who will find it in harmony with their plans and to their advantage to attend.

**Part of Group**  
Those who attend Short Course are a part of the College group and are urged to join in the regular social and recreational life on the campus. Courses as outlined in the Short Course schedule are those which the faculty feels will be most in demand by students who come for work at this time. Other classes will be organized if there is sufficient demand.

Students may obtain private lessons in music. For thirty one-half hour lessons, 125 hours credit will be given. Students are invited to take part in College chorus, band, and orchestra.

Physical education classes for men will be arranged to suit individual programs and are not included in the schedule.

**\$15 Fee**  
The incidental and activity fee for the Short Course is \$15, which includes regular incidental fee; library and laboratory fees; admission to College athletic events; hospitalization if necessary; subscription to the Northwest Missourian; part payment on the "Tower" and the use of a locker.

A textbook deposit of \$3 is required, which will be returned when library and textbooks are returned in good condition.

The Spring Short Course will close Thursday, May 25.

### Dr. Lowery Assists At Organization of New AAUW Chapter

Dr. Ruth Lowery, member of the College English department and corresponding secretary of the state American Association of University Women, and Miss Frances Holliday of Maryville were in Carrollton, Mo., yesterday to assist with the organization of a new branch of the A. A. U. W. in that city. They had been invited to assist with the new organization.

The branch organization at Carrollton is the eighth new branch during this bi-annual. Dr. Blanche H. Dow, chairman of the department of foreign languages at the College, is president of the state A. A. U. W. during the current bi-annual, and the addition of eight new chapters is unusual during one period of two years.

### Five New Books are On Rental List

Five new books have been added to the rental list in the College book store. It was announced this week by the committee in charge of securing new books each month. The five books in the store at present comprise the group for March.

Following are the new books: "The Patriot," by Pearl S. Buck; "The Tree of Liberty," by Elizabeth Page; "Song of Years," by Best Streeter Aldrich; "Disputed Passage," by Lloyd C. Douglas; and "Murder in Stained Glass," by Margaret Armstrong.

### Paul Strohm is Named Catholic Clubs Official

### Central States Province Formed At Convention

Paul Strohm, Maryville, was elected corresponding secretary of the Central States Province of the Newman Club Federation, which was organized at a two-day convention here Saturday and Sunday, which was attended by delegates from Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Kansas and Illinois are also included in the Province.

The program of the meeting was opened with registration of delegates on Saturday morning at the Newman Clubhouse on West Third Street. Following lunch, the first business session was opened with election of officers for the meeting. Paul Strohm was elected chairman and John Frankl, Ames, secretary. The nominating convention will be held following the regular weekly assembly program at 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning in the College auditorium. According to the Constitution of the S. G. A., the two candidates for president must be nominated before nominations cease, and at least three of the four candidates for vice-president must be nominated. The Constitution provides that at least three candidates must be nominated before nomination cease unless fewer than three file for the office.

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### Four Men Also File For Vice-President Of Local S. G. A.

Two candidates for president of the Student Government Association and four for vice-president were filed recently in the office of Mr. R. E. Baldwin, registrar of the College. The dead-line for filing was Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Candidates are as follows:

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### PROGRAM OF SPRING CONTESTS

**Friday, April 21**

8:30 a.m.—Boys' Glee Club, class CC, auditorium; piano solo, class CC, room 205; Girls' Small Vocal Ensemble, class CC, room 207; Tennis Tournament, girls, College courts.

9:00 a.m.—Boys' Glee Club, class B, auditorium; piano solo, class B, room 205; Girls' Small Vocal Ensemble, class B, room 207; Track and Field Preliminaries, Athletic Field.

9:30 a.m.—Boys' Glee Club, class BB, auditorium; Piano solo, class BB, room 205; Girls' Small Vocal Ensemble, class BB, room 207.

9:45 a.m.—Boys' Quartet, class CC, room 207.

10:00 a.m.—Girls' Club, class CC, auditorium; violin solo, classes CC, B, BB, room 205.

10:45 a.m.—Viola Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

11:00 a.m.—Girls' Glee Club, class B, BB, auditorium; Cello Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 207; Boys' Quartet, class BB, room 207.

11:15 a.m.—Double Bass Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205; Tenor Solo, class CC, room 207.

11:30 a.m.—Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

1:15 p.m.—Chorus, class CC, auditorium; Trumpet Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205; Alto Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 207.

1:30 p.m.—Track and Field Finals, athletic field.

2:00 p.m.—Chorus, class BB, auditorium.

2:20 p.m.—Trombone Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205; Soprano Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 207.

3:00 p.m.—Orchestra, class CC, auditorium; French Horn, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

3:15 p.m.—Clarinet, class CC, B, BB, room 205; Tenor, class B, BB, room 207.

3:40 p.m.—Saxophone Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

3:45 p.m.—Baritone Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

4:00 p.m.—Tuba Solo, class CC, B, BB, room 205; Orchestra, class B, BB, auditorium.

4:15 p.m.—Baritone Horn, class CC, B, BB, room 205.

4:30 p.m.—Madrigal Group, class CC, B, BB, room 207.

7:30 p.m.—Band, class CC, B, BB, Auditorium.

**Saturday, April 22**

8:30 a.m.—Tennis Tournament, Boys, College courts.

9:00 a.m.—Boys' Glee Club, class C, auditorium; Trumpet Solo, class C, room 205; Girls' Small Vocal Ensemble, class C, room 207; Golf Tournament, Country Club; Grain Judging, classes A and B, room 222.

9:00 a.m.—Live Stock Judging, classes A and B, room 221.

9:30 a.m.—Trombone, Baritone Horn, Tuba, class C, room 205.

10:00 a.m.—Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, class C, room 205.

10:15 a.m.—Girls' Glee Club, class C, auditorium; Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, class C, room 205; Boys' Quartet, class C, room 207.

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## Are We Afflicted With Megalomania Or Don't We Know "Enough's Enough?"

With the current interest being shown in extra-curricular activities and the use of these, it seems no more than logical to make a few comments and criticisms of our system here at the College in our editorial columns.

After several years here during which time we have participated in about as great a variety of activities as is humanly possible, we have come to the conclusion that there is no lack of opportunity on our campus for anyone and everyone to have his choice and desire in extra-curricular activity.

It makes little matter what your particular interests may be, there is some organization that can, directly or indirectly satisfy those interests. Of course, there are several departments which have no special organization for the majors in that department but a check might show that the students in those departments have enough to do already, as most students have, and they often use time that might otherwise be devoted to an organization in additional work, either class, laboratory, or study, on that field.

Of course there is no point in either tearing down or building up extensively any of the existing organizations, but observation and contact might indicate that there are on the campus several organizations which really take more than their just share of the student's time and this monopoly is somewhat enforced by the sponsoring department.

True, you get out of these organizations just what you put into them but this "putting-in" process reaches its saturation point sooner than many realize, the idea being that students might better benefit by spending some of their time on activity other than on all-consuming social or professional or athletic group.

The first thing that is often stressed in an extra-curricular program is participation and the second, variety. And as pointed out by the faculty, there should be some limitation because, after all is said and done, your grades are still, whether justly or otherwise, taken as the first indication of your success here in College.

Another very correct assumption is that those students who need the valuable training possible in extra-curricular activities the most are the ones who are least active. One of the problems of our program seems therefore to be the interesting of the needy students in these activities. Either they have a special interest that can be served or they are sleeping their way through College.

However, on the other side of the picture there is the problem of too-extensive participation and more particularly, that of too concentrated holding of offices. Of course, it is an honor to serve as officer in an organization and carry out the multifarious duties but when it becomes a race for the accumulation of these "honors," it then results in the defeat of the very purpose of the activities. Limitation of office-holding, then, becomes an important factor in improving the situation.

Nevertheless, regardless of the faults and failings of the system, we are still in favor of extra-curricular activities, they have made contributions to our College education that we would never have received through any other medium.

## Our Problem Is to Conquer Our Indifference, Carelessness

All of us think of accidents as something that happens to somebody else, although we know that we live in a world where we are surrounded by dangers. Yet we go blithely along with our blinders on, serene in our foolish faith that all those frightful facts are as remote from our own lives as though they were war casualty lists from Spain or China. But the victims are (or were) real people. Probably they once read accident statistics, too—and yawned.

This indifference is no doubt the greatest contributing factor to our great number of annual

## From the Dean . . .

"The illustrious ancients, when they wished to make clear and to propagate the highest virtues in the world, put their states in proper order. Before putting their states in proper order, they regulated their families. Before regulating their families, they cultivated their own selves. Before cultivating their own selves, they perfected their souls. Before perfecting their souls, they tried to be sincere in their thoughts. Before trying to be sincere in their thoughts, they extended to the utmost their knowledge. Such investigation of knowledge lay in the investigation of things, and in seeing them as they really were. When things were thus investigated, knowledge became complete. When knowledge was complete, their thoughts became sincere. When their thoughts were sincere, their souls became perfect. When their souls were perfect, their own selves became cultivated. When their selves were cultivated, their families became regulated. When their families were regulated, their states came to be put into proper order. When their states were in proper order, then the whole world became peaceful and happy." —Confucius.

—J. W. Jones

accidents. Last year accidents struck at one in every four American families. This means there's at least a twenty per cent chance the statistics are talking about you or yours. That should make it plain none of us can afford to be indifferent. And if this isn't personal enough for you, take a look at the statistics.

Yet this individual appeal seems the narrowest approach to the problem. Rather than ask people to give more thought to safeguarding their own skins, we'd like them to consider our accident tolls as a towering menace to the welfare and happiness of all our people. The colossal achievements of modern technology have given vogue to the saying that Americans worship efficiency and hate waste. But the accident records mock that claim. So large do accidents loom today that they pose an alarming question: Can it be that we have put so much energy, inventive ingenuity and vision into creating all these marvels of the machine age—our railroads, automobiles, airplanes, and giant industrial plants—only to have overlooked the trifling matter of how to master the machines? Are we, like Frankenstein, to succumb to a monster of our own making? The answer, in the end, will depend upon our ability to master ourselves—to conquer our indifference and our carelessness. —J. G.

## From Our Exchanges

### The Nerve of Some Jokesters? ? ?

"How are the children getting along?"  
"Oh fine. Tony wants to be a racketeer and Molly wants to be a chorus girl."

"But what happened to Al?"  
"Oh, we had to shoot him. He wanted to go to College."

—Silver and Gold

### MOSTLY AMATEUR

Painter: You're the first model I've ever kissed.

Model: Really? how many have you had.

Painter: Four,—an apple, a vase, and a banana.

—Ivid. (Plated)

I like my girl friend's shoes and hats.  
I like her gloves and hose.

The only thing I kick about  
Is the freckles on her nose.

—The Bray.  
p. s. The Bray this week displayed some veritable beauties who did NOT have freckles on their noses—the "Magnolia Beauties" (note—WOW)

### ADVICE FROM MAGNOLIA

For Success: Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

For Grapefruit: Reverse the above process.

### PARADOX:

A sensible girl is not so sensible as she looks because a sensible girl has more sense than to look sensible.

—Southwestern.

### SHE WAS DIFFERENT! ? !

The new maid was talking about her various relatives.

"Yis, Mum," She said, "Me sister and me we ain't no more alike than if we wasn't us; and she's just as different as me, only the other way!"

—Mutterings

### POME by a guy who DRIVES a Ford

At last I've seen that Purple Cow

Which poetry enhances;

For I can tell you here and now

I've waltzed with her at dances!

—Student.

### NERTZ TO ROMEO

We sometimes like your parlor

It's lounge and its light.

But our love gets flat

When like a cat

We get tossed out each night.

—More Student

## CAMPUS CAMERA



## Around the Campus

There is a world of reading in phrases, sayings, proverbs, and similar literature. Although "brevity is the soul of wit," some of the things we have read are not in the wit class simply because they are so true and hit the nail on the head so hard that we can't stand the pressure very well.

Of course it is always an interesting pastime to pick out the contradictions in these sayings and then charge the entire lot as being froth and frivolity. Take these, for example, "He who hesitates is lost" and "When in doubt, stand still." To some people these present a sad state of literary affairs indeed, but with the exercise of a little discretion or judgement we can easily reconcile these "terrible" mistakes.

Then there is another interesting set, and of those is "Opportunity." The only knocker that is welcome," Very true to be sure but go a little further and we find this, "Opportunity knocks but once." And we've even heard one that said that opportunity knocked every day. However, there is one that really hit the nail on the head and is worthy of everyone's attention, "The Sign on the Door of Opportunity is marked PUSH."

We might go on and on but as the saying goes, "To save steps is little benefit to those who need exercise" so we will step onto another subject for "It is good to rub and polish our brain against that of others." However "Better to be genuine—more credit to you!"—than to be a genius" but since we might not have such gems of information if we tried to be genuine in this case we'd say that "If all students who sleep in class (or read the Stroller) were laid end to end, they would be more comfortable."

As Will Rogers might have said it, "Well, all I know is what I read in the papers and what I step on as I run up and down the halls, and stairs," so we see by the paper that spring elections are really in the air all over the collegiate world. And at Neighbor College, CMSTC, the Stude Council even passed a resolution banning loud speaker systems, campaign posters and other materials in their elections. Even "local jelly joints . . . keeping the political issues . . . quiet."

When professors start out to make their textbooks interesting, there's no telling what they'll do. Witness the names the University of Alabama's Dr. H. H. Chapman uses to pep up his new text on accounting: A. M. Day, P. M. Knight, U. B. Good, U. R. Looney, Heas Fitts and I. M. Badd.

## What's in a Grade?

By Helen J. Reed

It is about time for midquarter grades. What is a grade? Somebody said it was what he got out of a course. That is all some people do get. There are a great many kinds of grades. There is the grade which the road grader makes, the different grades which the grocer or drugstore carries. Oh, there are grades of many various kinds in all sorts of things.

The word grade comes from the Latin which means a step. Is your grade a step up or down? But do not take it seriously, sometimes a grade means nothing. For instance,

## The Stroller . . .

As the moths said to each other when I shook in winter coat, "Hold tight! Hold tight!"

"Tis the month before the month of May  
And spring comes slowly up this way."  
So said Coleridge and he ain't a lyin'. Nuff said about the weather.

According to reliable sources Larry Los has been "spouting off" about how he kept out of the Stroller. No wonder, Larry, 'cause we hear the Dick Chapman has been topping you with the fact of this institution. It has been said that Larry has "pawsy" (not palsey) from waving at women.

Looked like old home week last week with so many grads running around the campus. See Hoss Flanders, June Morgan, Bud Green and his wife Noria Ruth Logan, Mac Coverdale, Dick Miller and Edwardina Harrison.

Jean Nickel was the recipient of an unusual gift from one of his feminine admirers. It was an antique doll with the word "Nick" printed across its tummy.

Hint-to-the-co-eds: (the following "conscious criticism of campus girls" was gotten by special correspondent of the MISSOURIAN in interview at a fraternity house); The girls dressed plainly and neatly with due respect to style. The dress should be ultramodern with an air of sophistication, yet not too gaudy or overdone. Girls must reflect their walk and should try to correct post faults. Girls' attitude denotes pernicious flirtation. Girls should always thank the boys for evening entertainments. Girls with out-of-town steadies peek too much from boys on the campus. They should improve their conversation (and talk about something besides clothes). Display of affectation is despicable—in public. We boys insist upon honesty and frankness from our girls.

All right, girls are you going to let the boys get away with those cracks without giving some return?

Haven't noticed any affected southern accents floating around the campus since the bus load of girls returned from the deep south but I have heard some good stories about some of the things that happened on that trip. There are some which have been censored like the one about why Mary Schilling and Helen Kyle kept the bus waiting a whole hour the morning they left Atlanta, Virginia. Likian made quite a hit with "Red," the substitute bus driver the hotel furnished. He even brought her a sprig of magnolia one morning, only it looked more like the tree itself instead of a sprig from it. Frances Kenner reverted to childhood days after her Sunday dinner while sitting in a high chair. She added to her performance by beating on a table with a spoon and yelling, "Da-da."

Poor Betty McGee got the mumps and did have such a grand time. But Wynn called her long distance and consoled her. The card table that Dick Stephenson gave Betty Lindley to take on a trip served many purposes. Some of the girls even used it to sleep on.

Yes, and what was the quiet and studious Robert Allen doing on Monday (that was his vacation was over) afternoon driving a bevy of beauteous women around the campus etc. in little jalopy.

Wish the secret of success was all written for more of these college swains. Take Rex Stell for instance, he got invited up to a house the other night to spend a pleasant few moments because some girls wanted to be entertained. They called him up and told him so and like the gentleman is, he obliged and accomplished his purpose very well. Dick Moyer, that bashful and backward bachelor, is going to go along to help with the program next time. And to think that Junetta Cole has something to do with that procedure—she always seemed like such a studious girl.

Another: Ralph "Endurance" balcony sitter Moyer and Betty Junie "Shrimpie" Haraz. They really get a lot of work done. Just like these old married folks around this campus. Jim "Dude" Martin and that Wyoming rancher with the pretty maroon Packard. Didn't know that you went in for ranch life, "Dude," how do you like (The Stroller's extremist apologies to June "O'Deal" Ernst for the unavoidable conclusion is a consequent mistake that befuddled us all. Your acceptance of this may be slipped under the Missouri office door.)

Correction for last week: "Speed" Owsley says it isn't "Davy-boy" but Davikins."

Wonder what happened to Virgil Elliott and Gloria Almeida at the desert dance at the dormitory other night. Surely they weren't talking over international relations?

Won't be long until spring formal starts. You girls who are interested in getting dates for dances send for our free book, "How to get dates without going to the grocery store and buying them." And as for you guys, remember, a fool and his money are invited places.

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